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Township, county reach tax agreement

Don Howard
Staff Writer

In an effort to "avoid potential litigation," Wayne County officials have agreed to allow Plymouth Township to recoup taxes erroneously paid on 190-acres of land when and if the township is able to sell an adjacent 133-acre parcel.

The agreement to allow the township to keep about $606,000 and up to $135,000 in legal fees from any sale or transfer of the land was drafted by the office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree and unanimously approved by members of the township board of trustees last week. The county will receive the remainder of any purchase price from the property, estimated at $3 to $5 million by township officials.

> *Nothing contained herein shall be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing on the part of any party.*

The two parcels, totaling 323 acres, were part of the Detroit House of Corrections land near Five Mile and Ridge roads. The 190-acre parcel was the property of the City of Detroit while the 133 acres was purchased by a local developer, Demco 54, which defaulted on the property taxes. At the time of the Demco purchase, the land was erroneously recorded as one parcel, rather than two in the township assessor's office. When the taxes on the land were not paid, township officials notified the county of the arrearage, as prescribed by law. The county then included the entire 323 acres in a tax sale, based on the information provided by the township.

Plymouth Township, having the right of first refusal, then purchased the land, on the tax rolls at one time for $15 million, for about $636,000 in 2011 at a county tax foreclosure sale.

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Behind the brushstrokes

Plymouth artist exhibits at Westland City Hall gallery

The walls of the Gallery at Westland City Hall, currently sparkling with the master photography of Allen Brooks, will change Oct. 3 when more than 60 paintings by Kay Masini, a well-known Plymouth artist will be hung on the walls. Masini will host a reception and present a gallery tour for the public entitled Behind the Brushstrokes from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 7.

Her paintings include oils, acrylics, watercolor, dry media and collage and her styles vary, as does subject matter-realism to abstract. She will talk of various techniques, concepts, and the stories behind some works of her art.

Masini, a lifetime painter, has lived in Plymouth with her family for 14 years. She has been active on boards in local art groups, and has been a member of national and international organizations. A member of the Internationale Vriendenkring, she had a solo exhibition in Belgium and her work is represented in private collections. She holds numerous international and national awards. Two of her paintings were selected for inclusion in the first "Acrylic Works-the Best of Acrylic Painting" by North Light Books; one of only five Michigan artists to be so included.

She grew up on Beaver

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The painting entitled "Ancestors" an acrylic on canvas is included in the exhibition of Kay Masini's art in the Gallery at Westland City Hall, October and November.

School board vice president resigns

Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education Vice President Martha Toth has announced her immediate resignation from the board.

Toth, a 25-year veteran of the school board, opted not to seek re-election in November and has now announced her decision to leave the area for a new home in Seattle even before her term expires. Toth told the board members that she and her sister, both widows, would be moving to a condominium they purchased together "very soon."

The meeting last Monday, Toth said, would be her last. The board will ask for a volunteer to fill the remainder of her term which expires Dec. 16.

School Board President Brent Mikulski thanked Toth for her 25 years of service to the district.

As the meeting drew to a close Toth said that the schools had been a huge part of her life. She said that she began volunteering in the classrooms of her daughters when they were small and remembered lobbying the board to begin the gifted and talented program in the district. She then became a volunteer in that classroom, she said.

"It was my privilege, my honor, my joy to be part of the school district," Toth said.

Former board vice president Keith Johnston, speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting, praised Toth's tenure and work with the district, and thanked her for her dedicated service.

Death of charity founder is mourned

Area residents are mourning the loss of one of the most recognized and beloved philanthropists in the community.

Florence K. (Lambert) Klein, a life-long volunteer and the director and founder of the Helping Hands Thrift Shop in Romulus, died Sept. 23 at the age of 95. Mrs. Klein was named the Person of the Year in Romulus in 1994 for her outstanding volunteer service and dedication to those in need. Along with that award came formal recognition of her work from the Michigan State Senate. Mrs. Klein also worked with the local senior citizens group and was a former member of the Altar Society. She was the Romulus representative at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Board of Directors.

Mrs. Klein was born Aug. 11, 1921 in Detroit, the daughter of the late Lewis Ernest Lambert and Ethel Nettie (Green) Klein.

Mrs. Klein enjoyed taking pictures, dancing, and researching her family history throughout the generations. She loved spending time with her family and friends at gatherings, and she lived for the laughter of children, her family said.

Among her survivors are her four sons; Anthony D. Klein of Clinton Township, Charles R. Klein of Milford, Patrick L. Klein of Fowlerville and Michael W. Klein of Lake City; two brothers, Frank Lambert of Brighton and Syd Lambert of Texas; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Klein was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 55 years, Anthony Blaze Klein; one son, Thomas M. Klein; four brothers, Floyd Lambert, Cy Lambert, Baby Lou Lambert and Lewis Lambert, and four sisters, Sarah (Sally) Lambert, Ethel (Tete) Klein, Lois Sweet and Nettie Lambert.

A funeral mass took place at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Monday with Father Jack Baker of St. Perpetuas in Waterford and Father Joe Fix of Sacred Heart in Evart, officiating. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

Florence K. (Lambert) Klein

Those who wish may contribute to Compassus Hospice. Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net.

Canton

Sworn to serve

The Canton Public Safety Department welcomed new members, Firefighter Ryan Curtis, Firefighter Kyle Gazdag, and Police Officer Jared Peterson, to the department. Curtis, Gazdag and Peterson took their oaths of office administered by Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett, with friends and family in attendance. Curtis and Gazdag will be required to successfully complete three months of mentored orientation and training prior to becoming manpower on an assigned shift. As new firefighters, they will be on probation for one-year while they complete an extensive training program, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to succeed in their new position as a Canton Firefighter/Paramedic. Peterson will be required to successfully complete a 16-week instructor-led field training program prior to working on his own. As a new police officer he will remain on probation for a one-year period. This program is designed to orientate and develop recruit officers, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to successfully make the transition into their new position as a Canton Police Officer.

Youth programs return

This fall, Canton Leisure Services will bring back two programs that assist in empowering youth. These programs promote leadership and civic responsibility while building a strong foundation for teens to make a difference, explained Program Coordinator Laura Mortier. The B.L.O.C.K Youth and Teen Center are actively committed to this initiative through the "Lead Like a Girl" and "The Youth Advisory Council" programs. Both programs are currently accepting applications for the 2016-17 academic year, she said.

In the fall of 2015, a new program for young, at-risk women entitled, "Lead Like A Girl" broke down stereotypes about how to Lead. #LikeAGirl has become an epic social battle to redefine those words for generations of women who struggle with challenges related to sexism, bias, and self-confidence each day. This new initiative, serving a diverse group of young women between the ages of 11-15, is designed to change the way that these participants, and the community-at-large, thinks about what it means to Lead #LikeAGirl...and ultimately live #LikeAGirl, Mortier said.

"It has been an amazing experience getting to work with such a bright and talented group of girls," said Mortier. "In just four short months we have seen them grow into confident, well-spoken, and understanding young women. This program has allowed them to challenge themselves, discuss relevant issues that young girls face with their peers, and foster relationships with female role models in the community."

The 14 member pilot group graduated in June, 2016. Qualified graduates will be given the opportunity to return this fall to serve as peer mentors and leaders for the incoming group of young women. Applications are now being accepted for the program's sophomore year. Interested future candidates are encouraged to apply through the B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center. Applications are available on The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center website at www.canton-mi.org/146. Space is limited.

Local volunteer and financial support has helped Lead #LikeAGirl expand its positive programming opportunities. More than $11,500 has been granted, donated, and awarded to this initiative from supporters like the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Community Financial Credit Union, and the Kroger Co. Sponsorship opportunities for Lead #LikeAGirl are still available for individuals, businesses and foundations to assist in the development of future sessions. To become involved, contact Mortier at (734) 394-5376 or email lmortier@canton-mi.org.

In addition, the Youth Advisory Council (Y.A.C.), through interaction with the community, philanthropy, and the Community Foundation will provide input and guidance as Canton Leisure Services strives to enhance a sense of community among youth through empowerment and the education of responsibility youth have to their community, Mortier added.

The Y.A.C. continues to assert itself as an influential group of high school students who truly make a difference in their community. Members participate in community service projects, lead special events, participate in local decision making, and award annual grants to organizations that benefit Canton Youth, she said. Members are selected through an application process. Applications are accepted annually each school year. If you are a student in grades 9-12 who lives in Canton, and are interested in getting involved with this dynamic group, call the B.L.O.C.K. at (734) 394-5376, she said.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, provides a fun, teen-friendly environment where students from ages 11-17 can participant in supervised after-school programs, social events, and activities.

For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call the number above.

Lead #LikeAGirl and Youth Advisory Council (Y.A.C.) participants pose for photos.

Charter Township of Canton

Notice of Public Accuracy Test

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The test will take place on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.** in the **Clerk's Office**, in the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that **October 11, 2016**, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above stated election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Registrations will be accepted at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registrations postmarked by **October 11, 2016,** will also be accepted**.**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following:

President and Vice President of the United States
Representative in Congress
State Representative (20th & 21st Districts)
Member of State Board of Education
Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents
Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors
Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees
Wayne County Community College Trustee
County Prosecutor
County Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
County Register of Deeds
County Commissioner (10th District)
Township Supervisor
Township Clerk
Township Treasurer
Township Trustees
Justice of Supreme Court
Justice of Supreme Court (Partial Term)
Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District (Incumbent)
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit (Non-Incumbent)
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit (Incumbent)
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit (Incumbent – Partial Term)
Judge of Probate Court (Incumbent)
Judge of District Court 35th District (Incumbent)
Canton Library Board
Plymouth Canton Schools Board Member (6 year Term)
Plymouth Canton Schools Board Member (4 year Term)
Van Buren Public Schools Board Member (4 year Term)
Wayne Westland Community Schools Board Member (6 year Term)

And the following proposals:

A Proposal Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to Levy An Assessment

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment: * at a rate of 1.2 mills (S1.20 per $1,000 of taxable value); * for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035; * that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and * to be used upon the affirmative vote an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act. If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that $160,907,285 will be collected in the first year. Should this assessment be approved:

_____Yes _____No

Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne county Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.
Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills ($2.00 per thousand dollars value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operation funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately $80,000,000 when first levied in 2016. The revenue from millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7 Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale – Northern Allen park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District.

_____Yes _____No

Operating Millage Proposition Exempting Principal Residence and Other Homestead Property

This millage will (1) allow the school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18.0000 mills on all property except homestead property as required for the school district to continue to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance and (2) provide an additional 2.0000 mills in the event of future Headlee rollbacks to continue to allow the school district to receive the full foundation allowance permitted by the state.
Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property, except principal residence and other homestead property as defined by law, in Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, be increased to 20.0000 mills ($20.00 on each $1,000 of taxable value) for eight (8) years, calendar years 2017 to 2024, inclusive? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18.0000 mills are levied in the 2017 calendar year will be approximately $9,091,374 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. Revenues will be disbursed to Van Buren Public Schools for the purpose of providing funds for the operating expenses of the District.

_____Yes _____No

Charter Township Of Canton Referendum To Consider Approval Of Changes To The Merit Ordinance

A proposal to amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, of the Canton Code of Ordinances entitled "Merit System" as follows:

Update name title from "Merit System Commission" to "Merit Commission."
Update title of "Personnel Director" to "Human Resources Manager."
Add definitions.
Clarify Employee Groups covered under Ordinance.
Update Hiring and Termination Procedures.
Update Protected Classes to comply with the law.
Change required meetings to a minimum quarterly date.
Shall the above changes be adopted?

_____Yes _____No

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 12, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan
Township of Canton

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County Comm. College	November 6, 2008 November 6, 2012	1.25 mills 1 mill	2020 2022
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	August 5, 2014	18 mills	2024 (non-homestead only)
Van Buren Township School District	November, 2011	18 mills	2016 (non-homestead only)
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	May, 2010 February, 2012	18 mills 1mill	2025 (non-homestead only) 2022

Persons entitled to be registered voters in Canton Township must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of; the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and Canton Township for not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified electors must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497).
Registrations will be received at Canton Township Hall located at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.
The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.
On Monday, November 7, 2016 those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, November 8, 2016.
To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120 prior to Election Day.
If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card, check the Clerk's voting page on Canton's Website at www.canton-mi.org/clerk/voting.aspx, or call the Clerk's office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Board of Education candidates' forum set

Northville Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Legislative Action Network representatives from across the school district are partnering to host a Board of Education Candidates Forum from 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, in the Hillside Middle School Forum, 775 North Center St. in Northville, at the corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road.

Five candidates are vying for four open four-year terms on the school board. The candidates include Laurie Doner, who is seeking her first term; Scott Frush, who is seeking his first term; current incumbent board Vice President Cynthia Jankowski, who is seeking her second term; current Trustee Sarah Prescott, who was appointed to the board in September 2015 and is seeking her first full four-year term and current incumbent board Treasurer Matthew Wilk, who is running for his second term.

The forum format will include opening and closing statements from each of the candidates, as well as an opportunity for audience members to submit questions for the candidates to the moderator. For those unable to attend, a videotape of the forum will air on the Comcast Educational Channel at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10.

> *"All school district voters are encouraged to come to Hillside on Oct. 4...*

"All school district voters are encouraged to come to Hillside on Oct. 4 to hear directly from the candidates on their views and goals regarding Northville Public Schools," said Jayne Watson, PTA LAN representative for Winchester Elementary School. "PTA LAN reps are hosting this Candidates Forum so voters can make informed choices on issues that impact our children and our community. Most importantly, we encourage everyone to go to the polls and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8."

The Oct. 4 Candidates Forum will follow a Northville Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting slated to take place at 6 p.m. in the Hillside Media Center, across from the forum. The Candidates Forum will get under way at 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Education election will be part of the nationwide ballot in the Tuesday, Nov. 8 General Election.

For more information about the Board of Education Candidates Forum, contact Jayne Watson at jwatson.MI@gmail.com

Local family fights eviction by township

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A routine building inspection has turned into a nightmare for Plymouth Township business owner Pat Gallagher.

Gallagher, 51, the owner of Restoration Station on Ann Arbor Trail, was charged with a zoning violation after a township fire department inspector visited his building in May and found him and his family living on the premises in an attached building. Fire Inspector Bill Conroy then reported the violation to the township ordinance officer, who issued a "Notice of Correction" ordering Gallagher and his family to vacate the property by June 28.

Court documents show Gallagher, who is rumored to have lost his home several years ago, converted one half of the building into residential use and resides there with his wife and children, ages 9 weeks and 15 months.

Gallagher's land on Ann Arbor Trail is zoned C-1 and comes under township adopted ordinance No. 99, Neighborhood Shopping District. The ordinance specifies principle permitted uses, none of which specifically rule out Gallagher's business of rebuilding, refinishing and restoring wood furniture. However, Gallagher applied for and received a Special Land Use permit from the Township Planning Commission in 1999 that allows his type of business operation. The ordinance does not allow or restrict residential occupancy, per se.

Within a month of the Notice of Correction, township attorney and prosecutor Kevin Bennett filed a complaint in the 35th District Court citing the ordinance violation. A summons was issued and an arraignment scheduled for Aug. 26.

Gallagher, represented by Plymouth attorney Kenneth Harrison, applied for and received approval of a Temporary Restraining Order in the Wayne County Circuit Court, prohibiting the township from evicting him and his family from their home.

Gallagher was granted a preliminary injunction at a show cause hearing before Judge Daphne Means Curtis on Sept. 20. Harrison argued that Gallagher would suffer irreparable harm and loss if the township were permitted to enforce the current zoning ordinance in "what is alleged to be a legal non-conforming use." His verified complaint said enforcement would make the family homeless and taking the property without just compensation is in violation of both state and federal constitutions.

The property located near Haggerty Road is the former Tommy's Hardware. Gallagher, through his attorney, claims the owner of that business also resided on the property with his family.

The violation notice was discussed at the Sept.13 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees when Bennett and Chief Building Official Mark Lewis sought direction.

Both said they thought Gallagher was placing his family in harm's way and the current situation was a tragedy in the making. "I don't know what's behind that wall…" Lewis said. Bennett told board members that C-1 zoning does not allow a residence for principal or special use.

Lewis described Gallagher's work on constructing the living quarters as "beautiful," but said he feels his business operations with the solvents and materials he regularly uses are not safe. "It's like having a huge garage in your home…We're concerned about saving lives," Lewis said.

Harrison said he thinks it is a matter of non-conformity. "In Old-Town there's zoning where you can have a business and residence together. It's a contested issue-there's merit to both sides, and it's going wind down to a factual matter which has to be decided by the court."

Trustee Chuck Curmi told board members he felt there was a problem with inconsistencies in the ordinances.

"This is a sticky situation because you're going to have a homeless family…I want to figure out a way to work this out… I don't want these people to be out in the street in the winter."

Supervisor Shannon Price affirmed he wanted to work with the Gallagher family "…and look at health and safety issues."

A trial date has been set for Feb. 27, 2017 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Tax

FROM PAGE 1

Attorneys for the City of Detroit attempted to reclaim the 190 acres during three years of legal wrangling. A final township appeal to the state Supreme Court met with a refusal by the justices to hear the matter and the lower court ruling to return the land to Detroit upheld. Attorneys for the city successfully argued in both circuit and appeals court that municipally-owned land, by state law, is exempt from tax foreclosure.

That decision prompted efforts to recoup taxes paid by the township on the portion of the land determined to be the property of the City of Detroit. Township attorney Kevin Bennett told the board members and audience that he was not involved in the negotiation of the settlement or the drafting of the agreement.

According the language of the stipulated agreement, the dispute between the county and township regarding adjustment of the subject taxes was settled "in avoidance of potential litigation and in furtherance of returning the property to productive use…"

The agreement states that if the township sells, assigns or transfers ownership of the 133 acres or any part is developed (or underdeveloped) for fair market value, the township is entitled to retain $606,150 from the sale or transfer along with reasonable attorney fees not to exceed $135,000.

The settlement agreement also states that acknowledgement is a compromise of disputed claims and "nothing contained herein shall be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing on the part of any party." The agreement will also allow the township to retain any money spent on demolition or infrastructure improvements at the site.

City of Detroit officials have indicated that the 190-acre section they own at the site is also on the market although no price has been announced.

The two sites are adjacent to another 125 acres of former prison property at Five Mile and Beck which are now owned by the state land bank.

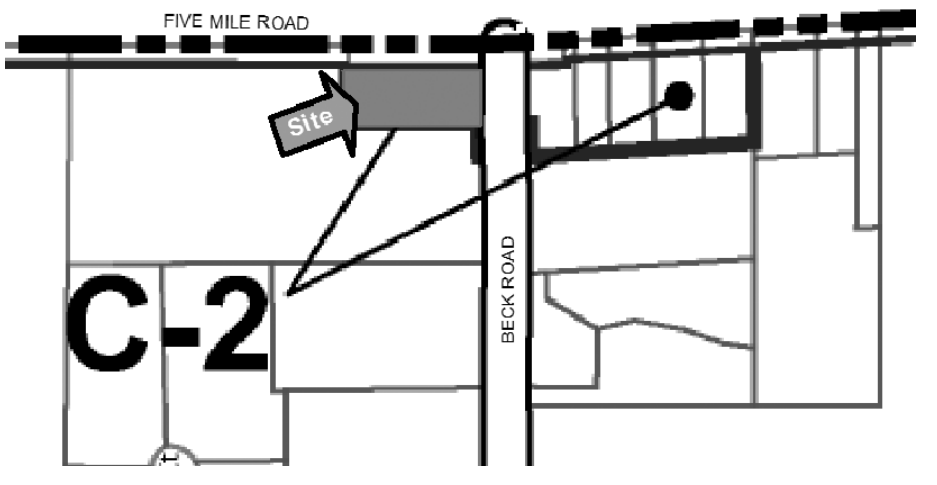
State Rep. Kurt Heise, who will become the new Plymouth Township Supervisor following his successful write-in campaign in August, was instrumental in obtaining state grant funds to demolish buildings at the land bank site which he often referred to as "an eyesore."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:	Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, October 19, 2016
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for a shopping center with drive-through facilities on Tax ID No. R-78-005-99-0001-001, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located south of Five Mile Road, west of Beck Road, and north of Clipper Street. The existing address is 15275 Beck Road. The site is zoned C-2, General Commercial.

Application: 2217-0916 **Applicant:** JB Beck LLC



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel/lot descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-005-99-0001-001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information relative to the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings, upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone: 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to Plymouth Township residents that **October 11, 2016** is the last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the November 8, 2016 State General Election. Below is a listing of the offices and proposals that will be on the election ballot:

Partisan Section
Straight Party Ticket, Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, Representative in Congress - 11th District, Representative in State Legislature - 20th District, Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner - 10th District, Township: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee

Nonpartisan Section
Judicial: Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent Position (Partial Term Ending 01/01/2019). Judge of the Court of Appeals - 1st District Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd District Non-incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position (Partial Term Ending 01/01/2019), Judge of Probate Court - Incumbent Position, Judge of District Court - Incumbent Position
Community College: Board of Trustee Member Schoolcraft Community College
Local School District: Board Member Plymouth-Canton Community Schools - 6 Year Term, Board Member Plymouth-Canton Community Schools - 4 Year Term
District Library: Board Member Plymouth District

Proposal Section

Authority

A Proposal Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to Levy an Assessment

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment
- At a rate of 1.2 mils ($1.20 per $1,000 of taxable value),
- For 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035
- That may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval and
- To be used upon the affirmative vote of an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act.

If the new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be distributed to the RTA, it is estimated that $160,907,285 will be collected in the first year.
Should the assessment be approved?

Intermediate School District

Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mils ($2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mils would raise approximately $80,000,000 when first levied in 2016.

The revenue from the millage will be distributed to the following school districts:
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Residents of Plymouth Township who are not already registered to vote may register at a Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency, or by visiting the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mail-in registrations postmarked by October 11, 2016 will also be accepted.

Nancy Conzelman
Plymouth Township Clerk

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Belleville - Romulus

Legislators to host veterans' forum

Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall and Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood are sponsoring a Vietnam veteran lapel-pinning ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 in commemoration of the 50-year anniversary of the war.

Kowall, R-White Lake, and Hopgood, D-Taylor, will host the "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event to Thank and Honor Vietnam Veterans and Their Families" in Romulus to give long-overdue recognition to Vietnam War era veterans and their families. Kowall said that all interested residents and veterans to join them to pay tribute to the men and women who were too often forgotten when they returned home.

He added that the event, made possible in part by the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, will take place at Romulus VFW Post 9568, 39270 W. Huron River Dr. in Romulus.

Those interested in attending should RVSP to Post Commander Ron Allen at RCADVA@SBCGlobal.net.

The lawmakers will provide a Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin to U.S. veterans who served on active duty at any time from Nov. 1, 1955 - May 15, 1975, regardless of location. The symbolism attached to the lapel pin is significant, Kowall said.

"The commemoration honors all Vietnam veterans, whether they served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period," he said. "All were called to serve and the overwhelming majority of these veterans served honorably and admirably."

The commemoration was authorized by Congress and established under the secretary of defense and launched in 2012. It was designed to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families in hometown America, in light of the 50th anniversary of the war. Recognition is given to these heroes when commemorative partners, such as Kowall, hold events that thank and honor the veterans and their families.

"Michigan's Vietnam veterans, whether drafted or enlisted, served our country with honor. Tragically, too many returned home with little thanks for their service and not much help transitioning to civilian life," Kowall said. "This lapel-pinning ceremony is a way to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War era and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation and the Michigan Legislature."

Hopgood agreed.

"Hosting a special recognition ceremony for our Vietnam veterans is something I am extremely honored and proud to be a part of," Hopgood said. "I hope the community comes to support our service men and women, and I also hope this becomes an annual tradition because it's the least we can do to thank them for their service to our country."

During the ceremony, Donna Rekuta will perform the national anthem and sing God Bless America, and Romulus VFW Post 9568 Honor Guard will present the colors. The Romulus Auxiliary will provide snacks.

Kowall has hosted numerous lapel-pinning ceremonies, both in Lansing and throughout the state. The ceremonies take place in a variety of locations, including Veterans of Foreign Wars/American Legion posts, veteran memorial parks and banquet halls. Kowall often partners with the senator of the district where the event is taking place.

"It is always a moving time for me when I am able to present the lapel pins and personally thank each veteran for their service," Kowall said.

Information regarding the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration can be found at www.vietnamwar50th.com.

Annual 'Mutt Walk" planned

The Belleville Central Business Community is partnering with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue to host a costumed Monster Mutt Walk from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. The walk will begin and end on Fourth Street near the Belleville Area Museum.

Advance registrations for the event are now being accepted, although registration will also be available the day of the event. Each dog entered will receive a goody bag and a gift. First, second and third place medals will be awarded in three categories: scariest, cutest and best mutt and family costumes.

In the last category, the family must also be costumed.

Registration fee is $10 per dog, plus a can of dog food. Registrations should be submitted to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main St., Belleville, Mi, 48111 or submitted in person. Include the name and email and phone of the owner, along with a complete address.

Rules require that all dogs entered must be leashed and current on vaccinations; no aggressive dogs will be allowed to participate and owners must clean up after their dogs. No dogs can be left unattended during the event. Owners must keep their dogs in sight and under control at all times. Owners will be responsible for their dog's actions.

For more information, contact Janet Millard at jfayemillard@att.net. She is available by phone after 3:30 p.m. at (734) 558-5368.

DETROIT METRO • WILLOW RUN
WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Community invited to attend 2nd Public Information Meeting on Willow Run Airport Master Plan Study Update

Willow Run Airport is updating its Master Plan, which will help guide the airport's future development goals. Willow Run will host a Public Information Meeting to share, discuss and receive feedback on the alternatives being considered for implementation at the Airport.

The 2nd Public Information Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel 46194 N. Interstate 94 Service Dr. Belleville, MI

(Use rear entrance adjacent to parking area)

Please visit us on the web at
www.willowrunmasterplan.com

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4. Monuments & Cemetery Lots

Burial Plots - $600 (Belleville, MI)Chapel of Memorial Gardens 48300 Willow Rd, Belleville, MI 48111"Garden of Hope" section. $600 for 1 plot and $6500 for 11plots. Contact: edwarddunbar87@yahoo.com.

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ROMULUS STRONG

Community Police Forum

Building Relationships

One Conversation at a Time

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Panel Discussion—1:00 p.m.
Community Softball Game—2:30 p.m.
Romulus High School Auditorium, and
Charley Lau Memorial Baseball Field
9650 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174

In partnership with the Romulus Police Department, and Grant Long, former NBA Player, Romulus Resident, & Romulus High School 1984 Graduate.

INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Mayor proposes several staffing changes

There have been some major changes in the administration staff at Westland City Hall.

Last week, Mayor William Wild named former Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy Jr. as the new executive assistant to the mayor.

Reddy, a graduate of John Glenn High School, has worked for the Westland Fire Department for nearly 25 years and has served as chief since May of 2001. He also earned his bachelors degree in public safety studies.

Current Executive Assistant to the Mayor Thelma Kubitskey will assume the vacant Chief Business Development Officer position, which has been vacant since December of 2015. Kubitskey has worked for the City of Westland since October of 2012 when she was originally hired as the city budget director.

Kubitskey earned her bachelors degree from Madonna University and retired from Northville Township after 32 years. There, she worked as the assistant township manager/finance director. She has an extensive municipal finance background including completion of capital improvement projects such as construction of a new township hall.

Assistant Fire Chief Michael Stradtner will be promoted to the position of Wayne-Westland Fire Chief, replacing Reddy. Stradtner has worked for the Westland Fire Department for 22 years and has a bachelors degree in Healthcare Management and will begin working on his masters degree in Organizational Leadership this year.

In another administrative change, Westland Department of Public Service Deputy Director Hassan Saab will oversee the transition of ordinance enforcement which is currently being performed by the Westland Fire Department into a new department, budgeted for 2017. Saab has been with Westland for 2 years and has 23 years of experience with Wayne County Department of Public Service. He also possesses a PhD in structural engineering and a masters degree in civil engineering.

Following a three-month search of potential candidates and qualified applicants, Latricia Gunnells has been appointed as the new Parks and Recreation Director, pending city council approval.

Mayor William Wild assembled a team to interview applicants for the position which consisted of Kubitskey, Personnel Director Cindy King, City Council President James Godbout and Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Honsowetz. The search resulted in 25 applicants which led to 11 subsequent interviews. A shorter list of applicants then interviewed with Wild.

M. Reddy T. Kubitskey M. Stradtner L. Gunnells H. Saab

"I believe Ms. Gunnells has the skills and experience to provide the leadership, vision and creativity necessary to rebuild our recreational programming and opportunities while also leveraging the partnership the city enjoys with various local athletic groups," commented Wild.

Gunnells, a Detroit native, is relocating from Oklahoma where she currently works as the Community Center Supervisor for the City of Oklahoma City. Gunnells previously served as the Activities Director for the City of Tulsa and was the assistant women's basketball coach for the University of Tulsa. She has been responsible for management of multiple facilities including community centers, indoor/outdoor public swimming pools, multiple playgrounds, athletic fields, disc golf courses and more than 20 miles of rocks/boulders for repelling and training. She has managed staff ranging from up to 68 full-time staff along with 30 volunteers.

Gunnells has successfully obtained grants including those from corporations such as KMart, WalMart and others. She has a bachelor of arts degree in communications from St. John's University, and has nearly completed her master's degree in management and sports administration from Southern Nazarene University.

The interview team was unanimous in identifying Gunnells as their number one choice for the open Parks and Recreation Director position.

Did 'serial rapist' attack Inkster victim?

An assault on an Inkster woman has been added to the offenses of a man police and prosecutors allege is a serial rapist in the area.

Last week, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged Ikeie Ranordo Smith, 32, of Redford Township, in connection with a home invasion and assault in Inkster. Prosecutors allege that Smith broke into the home of an Inkster woman at about 5:54 a.m. Aug. 23, 2011. He is accused of striking the woman in the face several times before fleeing the scene. In this instance, he is facing charges of home invasion first degree and assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Worthy said, "This is only one of several warrants that we have charged on this defendant in the last two weeks. The allegations in these cases show that this defendant was a one-man crime spree who victimized with impunity for a long time -until now."

This is only the latest in a long list of charges filed against Smith and arraignments in courts throughout the area. He is charged with two counts of home invasion in Dearborn and also faced charges of criminal sexual activity and home invasion in Dearborn Heights, Allen Park,Garden City and Redford.

Officials have characterized Smith as a serial rapist who may have victimized as many as 35 individuals in eight communities since 2011. The myriad of charges, including armed robbery, were filed following a joint investigation by local police departments, Michigan State Police, the FBI and Worthy's office. DNA collected in rape kits and other forensic evidence tested by the State Police Crime Laboratory linked the cases, police said. Smith is also facing charges of torture in one home invasion sexual assault incident.

At one recent hearing, his mother, Janet Freeman, told police and reporters that she was sure of his guilt after hearing DNA evidence presented by a detective in a Garden City courtroom.

"Stick a fork in him, he's done," Freeman said. "My heart goes out to the victims, most of all. They didn't deserve this."

Fire fighters serving pancakes

The Wayne-Westland Fire Association will host the 19th Annual Breakfast With Your Firefighters from 9 a.m. until noon this Saturday, Oct. 1.

Men and women from the fire department will be working the griddles cooking up hotcakes and sausages for the all you can eat pancake breakfast at a cost of $5 for adults and $3 dollars for children. Fire department and rescue vehicles will be on display so kids of all ages can get an up-close look at the rigs. The Department will also be accepting items like wheelchairs for their loan closet. Fire Station One is located at 3300 South Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 722-1111.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2016 for the following:

PURCHASE OR LEASE OF CARDIOVASCULAR EQUIPMENT 2016

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
City of Romulus, Michigan
November 8, 2016 State General Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016. **THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE ELECTION IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 BY 4:00 p.m.** Persons residing in the City of Romulus registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the election.

Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at a Secretary of State Branch Office, Wayne County or the City of Romulus Clerk's office.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot: **President and Vice-President of the United States, Representative in Congress (13th District); Representative in State Legislature (12th District); Representative in State Legislature (District 11 – partial term ending 01/01/2017); State Board of Education; Regent University of Michigan; Trustee Michigan State University; Wayne State University Governors; County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner (11th District), Justice of Supreme Court; Justice of Supreme Court–Incumbent Position (partial term ending 01/01/2019) Judge of Court of Appeals, 1st District Incumbent Position; Judge of Circuit Court (3rd Circuit) – Incumbent Position; Judge of Circuit Court (3rd Circuit) Incumbent Position (partial term ending 01/01/2019; Judge of Circuit Court-3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position; Judge of Probate Court-Incumbent Position; Judge of District Court-34th District Court Incumbent Position, Wayne County Community College Districts 4, 6, and 7; Board Member Romulus Community Schools and Local School District Board Member (Woodhaven-Brownstown School District).**

The following proposals will appear on the ballot:

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSALS

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

A PROPOSAL AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN (RTA) TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment:

? at a rate of 1.2 mills ($1.20 per $1,000 of taxable value);

? for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035;

? that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and

? to be used upon the affirmative vote of an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act.

If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that $160,907,285 will be collected in the first year.

Should this assessment be approved? YES [ ] NO [ ]

WAYNE RESA PROPOSAL

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills ($2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately $80,000,000 when first levied in 2016.

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YES [ ] NO [ ]

PERSONS ENTITLED to be registered voters in the City of Romulus must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and the City of Romulus for not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified electors must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497).

Registrations will be received at the City of Romulus located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office.

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Calendar of events

Garden Club meets

Members of the Romulus Garden Club meet at 5 p.m. the first, third and fourth Mondays of the month at the Romulus Public Library.

The club includes new and experienced gardeners.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589.

Farmer's Market continues

The Romulus Farmer's Market will continue from noon until 6 p.m. on Wednesday through Oct. 12.

The market takes place at the Romulus Municipal Complex, 11111 Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 955-4531.

City plans Fall Festival

The City of Wayne will host a Fall Festival from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Oct. 1 throughout the downtown area.

Planned events include pumpkin painting in Derby's Alley (between GI Surplus and Flagship Boutique on Michigan Avenue; food trucks and carts featuring gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches and other treats; a pop-up flea market behind Helium Studio on Wayne Road and giveaways and deals inside downtown businesses.

For more information, call (734) 629-6822.

Liturgical dance classes offered

The Romulus Recreation Department will offer Praise Him In The Dance classes from 6 until 7:15 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 10 through Nov. 28.

The classes, which encompass the history and true meaning of worship dance, will take place at the Romulus High School dance room.

Tuition for the classes in West African, modern and lyrical dance, is $50 per dancer.

Registration is now available in the mayor's office at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 941-8667.

Freedom Walk registration open

Online registration for the Freedom Walk/5K Run to benefit human trafficking survivors is now available at http://lifecarechristiancenter.org.Events.php and those who register prior to Oct. 1 will receive a freedom tee shirt. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Oct. 22 at Skateland West in Westland. All $25 registrations will fully support survivors of human trafficking. Registration will begin at the event at 11 and a Zumba warm up will begin at 11:45 a.m. and the walk/run start at noon.

Skateland West is located at 37550 Cherry Hill Road in Westland.

Cemetery tour set

The Wayne Historical Society will host the third annual Cemetery Walk from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 2 at Westlawn Cemetery, located at Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road.

The guided tour will highlight prominent African Americans from the Wayne community including Jackie Wilson, Sonny Banks and Nolan Strong from the Diablos, who are buried at the facility.

For more information, call the Wayne Historical Museum at (734) 722-0113.

Voter registration available

Residents of Westland may register to vote from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at Presbyterian Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill Road, Westland.

Members of the public are welcome.

For more information, call Dick McKnight, (743) 421-1517.

Chocolate Affair tickets on sale

Tickets for A Chocolate Affair, a benefit for First Step, the program for counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic and sexual violence, are now on sale.

The event is planned for 2-5 p.m. Oct.2 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

For the $30 admission ticket, visitors can sample chocolate delights from Southeastern Michigan restaurants, confectioners and caterers along with chocolate tastings and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

Entertainment will be provided by the Sweet Adelines, voice in Harmony.

The event is hosted by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division.

Tickets are available at First Step offices in Plymouth or by calling (734) 981-1702 or (734) 453-1459.

Tai Chi deadline nears

Classes in Tai Chi, an Asian discipline designed to reduce stress, improve balance, increase energy, lower blood pressure, improve circulation, strengthen muscles and increase mobility, will be offered from 4:30 until 5:30 on Thursday, Oct. 6 through Dec. 1 at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Road in Romulus.

Tuition for the eight-week session is $50 and registration will only be accepted through Monday, Oct. 3 at the mayor's office in City Hall, 1111 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Euchre tournament benefits station

The fifth annual euchre tournament to benefit the Plymouth Canton Community School District radio station is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Entry fee for the tournament is $20 per player before Oct. 3 and $25 at the door.

There will be cash prized for the top 10 percent of players and pizza and snacks will be served.

There will be a cash bar available.

Registration is available at wsdspeuchre@gmail.com or by calling (248)973-7382.

The station 88.1 is staffed by students from Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Exhibit

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Island in northern Lake Michigan, then attended high school in the Chicago area and earned her bachelor's degree at the Dominican University in River Forest, ILL. She studied further at the Chicago Art Institute and Oxford University in England and also in multiple workshops with leading instructors in the United States.

She was a partner in a marketing communications firm, based on the west coast of Michigan, handling major U.S. clients, financial and educational institutions.

Masini is also noted for her poetry and has a newly printed book "Contemporary Christmas Symbols in Art and Poetry" - a selection from original ChrIstmas cards that were designed for friends and relatives during the past 50 years. It will be available at the reception.

The exhibition, sponsored by the Three Cities Art Club, will be on display from 9-5, Monday through Friday, until Nov. 30 at Westland City Hall 36300 Warren Road, Westland.

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